Desjardins American Equity Grow

American Equity Growth Currency Neutral Fund

QUARTERLY COMMENTARY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

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PORTFOLIO MANAGER: Wellington Management Company

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Contributors to relative performance

→ The primary driver of relative outperformance was sector allocation. Underweight exposure to the communication services and consumer discretionary sectors was additive to relative returns.

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- → Selection within the consumer discretionary, information technology, and consumer staples sectors contributed to relative results.
- → The top relative contributors included underweight allocations to Tesla and Apple as well as an overweight position in Schlumberger.

Detractors from relative performance

- → Security selection within the industrials, healthcare, and communication services sectors detracted most from relative performance.
- → Top relative detractors included our position in ZoomInfo Technologies as well as not holding Home Depot and Boeing.

Major changes to portfolio in the period

- → During the quarter we added to the communication services and financial sectors. We also reduced our exposure to consumer staples and industrials.
- → We added several new opportunities, including Charles Schwab, a provider of brokerage, banking, and financial advisory services, and Zoetis, an animal health company.

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Major changes to portfolio in the period (cont'd)

 $\rightarrow\,$ Notable eliminations during the period included Elevance Health and Tesla.

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